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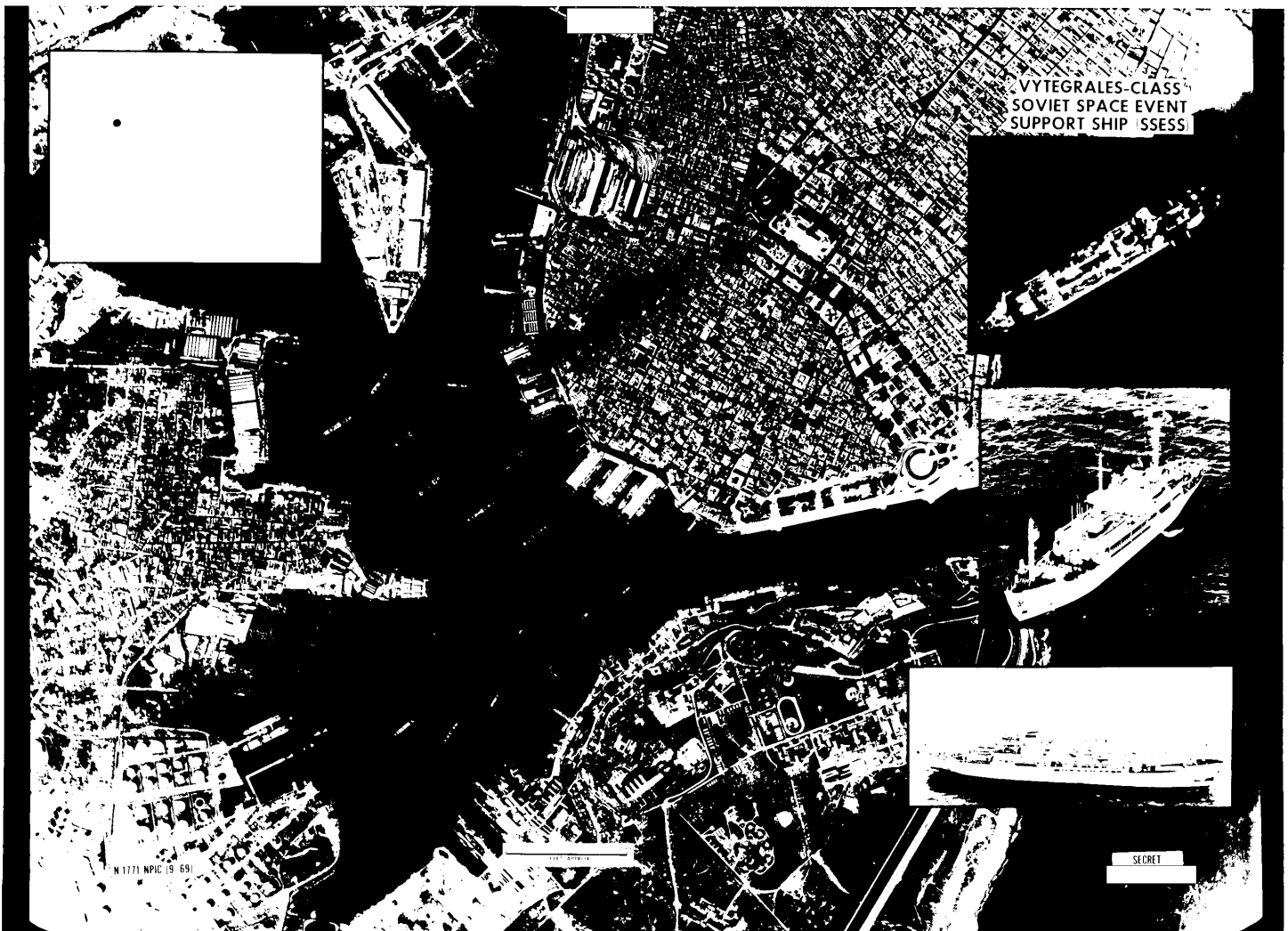
VYTEGRALES-CLASS SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS)
HAVANA PORT FACILITIES, CUBA
23-07N 82-20W

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SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP
MORZHOVETS (VYTEGRALES - CLASS)
HAVANA, CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A VYTEGRALES-CLASS
SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS) IN
HAVANA HARBOR.
2. LOCATION: THE MORZHOVETS IS ANCHORED AT HAVANA PORT
FACILITIES, 23-07N 082-20W.
3. REMARKS: THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THIS CLASS OF SOVIET
SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP IS TO TRACK AND MONITOR
SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES AND OTHER SPACE
VEHICLES. THESE SHIPS ALSO ENGAGED IN METEOROLOGICAL
ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RESEARCH AND MEASUREMENT
OF COSMIC AND/OR SOLAR RAYS AND THE VARIOUS LEVELS
OF THE ATMOSPHERE, STRATOSPHERE, AND IONOSPHERE.
4. COLLATERAL: IN THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES EXPEDITIONARY
FLEET ACQUIRED FOUR 400 BY 55 FOOT
VYTEGRALES-CLASS TIMBER CARRIERS - BOROVICHI,

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KEGOSTROV, MORZHOVETS AND NEVEL. THESE VESSELS WERE MODIFIED TO MONITOR SPACE AND METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES. THE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDED REMOVING THREE OF THE FOUR 10-TON LATTICE-TYPE BOOMS: ADDING TWO LEVELS OF DECKHOUSE SUPER-STRUCTURE JUST FORWARD OF THE BRIDGE TO SUPPORT A MAST RECONFIGURED WITH TWO PLATFORMS: AND ALTERING THE AFTERMAST AT THE TOP TO ACCOMMODATE THE VEE CONE HF ANTENNA AND TWO SMALL DON-2 RADAR PLATFORMS. (SECRET)

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9. MISSION READOUT: NOB -- AT HAVANA PORT FACILITIES: 1 PCE, 2 KRON-SHTADT, 1 SO-1 SC, 2 KOMAR PTG, 2 YP, 5 P-4, 2 POSSIBLE SMALL COMBATANTS, AND 1 SSESS (VYTEGRALES-CLASS) ANCHORED IN HARBOR. VESSELS--33 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 18 SMALL FREIGHTERS, 3 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 2 TANKERS, 3 FERRIES, 2 SEA GOING TUGS, AND NUMEROUS SMALLER VESSELS.

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 4X

INSET: 40X

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